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STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN DUNCAN HUNTER ON THE IRAQ CONFLICT

“Saddam Hussein was given 12 years to disarm as a condition of ending the first Gulf War. He chose another path. Our armed forces will meet him at the end of this path.

I believe we will win this conflict in overwhelming fashion. I also believe this must be our guiding principle for the future. America’s mothers and fathers demand no less from us than providing all the tools and training necessary to win our wars with the fewest American casualties possible.

Since the last Gulf War, we have had major advances in our war fighting capabilities. From precision-guided munitions to deep-strike stealth aircraft, these capabilities will be exhibited in the coming hours.

Our troops are well-trained, well-equipped, and well-led from non-commissioned officers and small unit leaders, up through the Commander in Chief.

We in Congress must stand behind our troops at all times. We also must continue to rebuild our military to ensure future victories in the continuing war on terror and other potential conflicts.”

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